



**Kincardine United Church  
Advent 2, White Gift Sunday  
December 9, 2018 10:30 a.m.**

Welcome. You bless us with your presence. If you are a first time worshipper, please sign our guest register at the front entrance of the church. Thank you for turning off your cell phones and for refraining from flash photography. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the downstairs hall following the service.

**Bold print in the bulletin invites you to say the words.**

\*An asterisk in the bulletin indicates you may sit or stand.

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**PRELUDE** Carols

**WELCOME**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

Kincardine United Church takes seriously  
the commitments made to First Nations communities  
through the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report,  
especially through the Calls to Action to churches like us.

**Therefore, we acknowledge, this day, that we gather for worship  
on the traditional territories of the Saugeen Ojibway,  
and the other indigenous peoples who preceded them –  
the original nations of this land –  
and we acknowledge, with respect,  
their history, their spirituality, and their culture.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**GOD GATHERS US**

INTROIT Passacaglia

A. Raison

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING AND PRAYER OF APPROACH**

In a spirit of peace, we come, Loving God,  
**on this second Sunday of Advent.**

**Still our hearts that we be receptive of  
 your Presence for us this day.**

Sow in us the seeds of your peaceable kin-dom  
**that we might find our rightful place  
 in your creation.**

We light the first candle, reminding us of God's way of hope.  
*(the first Advent candle is lit)*

We light a candle reminding us of the peace that enfolds us.  
*(the second Advent candle is lit)*

**(we sing) A candle is burning, a candle of peace,  
 a candle to signal that conflict must cease:  
 for Jesus is coming to show us the way;  
 a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.**

Let us join as one community of faith in prayer:

**Loving God, we long for peace in our world. Yet peace so often eludes us or seems impossible to find. We gather here today remembering the Prince of Peace and waiting for him to once again come into our hearts and our lives. When we have peace in our hearts and live in peace with one another, we know that we can then become agents of peace. In our worship together, enable and inspire us to be your peace makers. Amen.**

*(from Gathering, Advent 2018, Catherine Tovell, Kilworth U.C., Komoka, Ont.)*

**\*VOICES UNITED 2** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Holy and loving God,  
 we have dwelt in darkness and sometimes preferred it to the light;  
 we have been proud of our accomplishments  
 and despaired over our shortcomings.  
 Open a path in the wilderness of our lives  
 that we might find our way to you again.

Prepare us once again  
 for life in your kin-dom.  
 A life of hope and peace.

*(Silent Prayer)*

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

**SHARING TIME** Peace – The Prayer of Saint Francis *Book illustrated by Anna Goebel*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (say together)**

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
 Source of all that is and what shall be.

Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
 the hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!  
 Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
 Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
 sustain our hope and come on earth.  
 With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
 In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
 In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
 From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
 From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
 For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
 now and for ever. Amen.

### GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

**BIBLE READING** 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 from *The Message*

**\*VOICES UNITED** 18 There's A Voice in the Wilderness

**BIBLE READING** Luke 3: 1-6 in New Testament, pew bible page 60

**DOXOLOGY 268 VU** Bring Many Names (verse 6 only)

Great, living God, never fully known, joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,  
 closer yet than breathing, everlasting home: Hail and hosanna, great, living God!

**MEDITATION** "Prepare YE!"

### GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

**ANTHEM** A Tiny Child Will Come

*Price/Besig*

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**OFFERING PRAYER (unison)**

Gracious and Giving God,

we once again prepare for the birth of your beloved Son. Our time, talent and treasures are given as unending alleluias to you. Bless these offerings and all that we offer to the greater world in which we are called to serve in your name. Amen.

**\*VOICES UNITED** 651 Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\* SONG OF COMMITMENT MV 37 VU Gloria**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, hallelujah, hallelujah!

**POSTLUDE** Toccata in e minor

*J. Pachelbel*